



**CITY OF WALESKA
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
February 27, 2023**

Present: Mary Helen Lamb, Mayor
Dennis Cochran, Pro Tem
Lee Lamb, Councilmember
Kristi Bosch, Councilmember
Jon Costales, Councilmember
Vickie Lawson, Councilmember
Robyn Smith, City Clerk/Manager
John Meier, City Attorney
Stanley Townsend, Townsend Pipeline
Lamar Rogers, Turnipseed Engineers

Item 1: Call to Order

Mayor Mary Helen Lamb, called the meeting to order with a quorum present.

Item 2: Pledge of Allegiance/Innovation

Mayor Lamb led the Pledge to the Flag

Mayor and Council welcomed Troup 125 to our council meeting where they said the pledge and observed our meeting.

City Manager asked for a motion to amend agenda to include Public Hearing notice, a motion was made by Councilmember Cochran, seconded by Councilmember Costales, and approved by all members present.

There was an application for an AG zone, the county commission did not object to annexation but recommended it be rezoned to R-80. Waleska doesn't have an AG zone, the applicant has come forward and agreed to R-80.

Item 3: Consideration to Approve Regular Council Meeting Minutes February 6, 2023

Mayor Mary Helen Lamb asked for a motion to approve the Regular council minutes for February 6, 2023. A motion was made by Councilmember Cochran, seconded by Councilmember Bosch and approved by all members present.

- Item 4: Discuss and Approve to buy Water Capacity from CCWSA**
A motion was made by Councilmember Cochran to purchase 200,000 gallons at \$2.50 for \$500,000, seconded by Councilmember Bosch, and approved by all members present.
- Item 5: Approve Resolution for GEFA Loan DW2019012**
Mayor Mary Helen Lamb asked for a motion to approve the GEFA Resolution for DW2019012 extending 3rd modification. A motion was made by Councilmember Bosch, seconded by Councilmember Costales and approved by all members present.
- Item 6: Approve Change of Employee Handbook for Vacation and Sick Time Pay Out**
Mayor Mary Helen Lamb asked for a motion to approve the employee handbook change for vacation and sick time pay out. A motion was made by Councilmember Bosch, seconded by Councilmember Costales and approved by all members present.
- Item 7: Discuss and Approve amendments to Waste Pro contract, and set new fees for trash**
A motion was made by Councilmember Cochran to table item 7, seconded by Councilmember Costales, and approved by all members present.
- Item 8: Five Minute Public Hearing**
- Jeff Johnson of 670 Fate Conn Rd addressed the council about a leak at his home that is on the city side. It will be looked at.
 - Josh Rampley addressed the council asking do we have a start date for the project at Rampley Trail and if materials were available. Stanley Townsend said that the materials are available when he needs them but he does not have a start date. County needs to acquire all of ROW and do all their work before he will lay any lines. Josh Rampley said that Steve Dobson told him start date for paving would be late Spring.
- Item 9: Water System Report**
- Councilmember Cochran made a motion to decline the offer negotiation of Salacoa Area for Silver Creek with CCWSA, seconded by Councilmember Lee Lamb, and approved by all members present.
 - Mayor Lamb asked Stanley about 1837 Upper Burris Rd having a leak on our side. Stanley reported that he has someone starting Monday and will get caught up next week.
 - Mayor asked when UWS will be finished with Hwy 140, Lamar will get in touch with them.
 - Lamar Rogers reported that there is a construction meeting March 14th for Hwy 108.

Item 10: City Manager Report

None.

Item 11: City Attorney's Report

- Annexation should be coming to the city to vote on annexation and rezoning. Waleska representative couldn't vote on the large annexation, so it will go back to county on March 7th. It will be at our city to vote on March 20th.
- Councilmember Lee Lamb wanted to verify that we were only annexing in that property and not the whole Darby Rd., yes that is all we are annexing in.
- We have a big project that is getting started with EPD that was adopted in December 2022. One of the biggest issues is conservation. In 2023 there will be EPD audits. One of the big things is leaks, how do we deal with these and etc. City Manager stated that the ordinance will have to be changed by the end of 2023. There is cost sharing under the IGA agreement.

Item 12: Mayor's Report

None.

Item 13: Council Remarks

Councilmember Cochran attended his first Economic Development meeting and it went well. Mentioned several new companies and jobs coming to Cherokee County. County will develop and expand sewer on the 86 acres at Airport Rd.

Item 14: Adjourn Regular Council Meeting

Mayor Lamb adjourned Regular Council meeting to Enter into Executive Session

Item 15: Executive Session – Litigation

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Item 16: Adjourn Executive Session to Enter into Regular Session

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Item 17: Adjourn Regular Session

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APPROVED THIS 13th DAY OF March, 2023.

Mary Helen Lamb
Mary Helen Lamb, Mayor

Attest:
Colyn Smith

Robyn Smith, City Clerk